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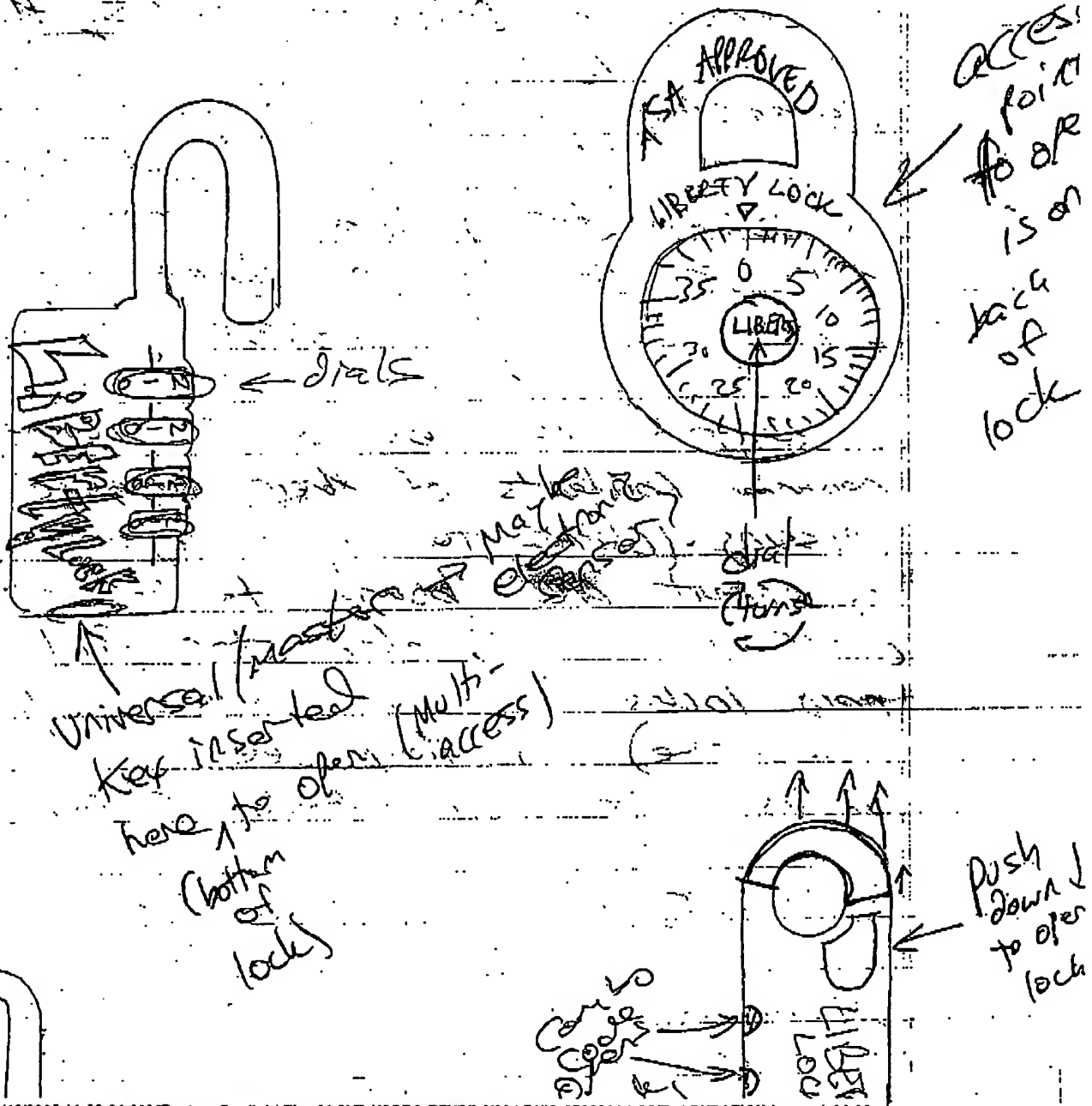
Transportation Security Administration ^{airline} baggage screeners need access to passengers' luggage. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is so determined to have access to this luggage, in order to check for prohibited items, that the TSA will clip baggage locks if necessary in order to gain access to luggage. This is a very intrusive way to search for prohibited items and this is certain to upset the traveling public. Once the luggage has been opened and intrusively searched, some passengers are bound to report certain contents of their luggage as missing (claims for theft against the government are bound to increase). Consumers will also stop purchasing new locks (and lock sales will deteriorate) if they see that their locks are consistently clipped.

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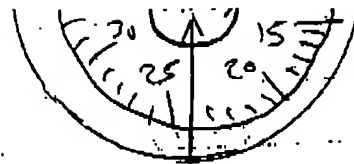
Therefore, there is a need for a system whereby TSA screeners have access to travelers' luggage in order to check for prohibited items. TSA screeners must be able to open luggage non-intrusively in order to do their jobs. And then re-seal the luggage lock intact (over)

& send the loggare on its way, safe & secure.





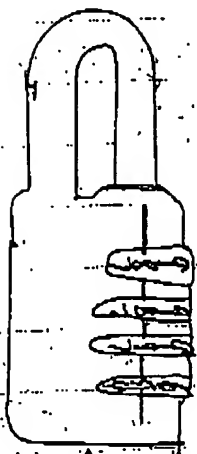
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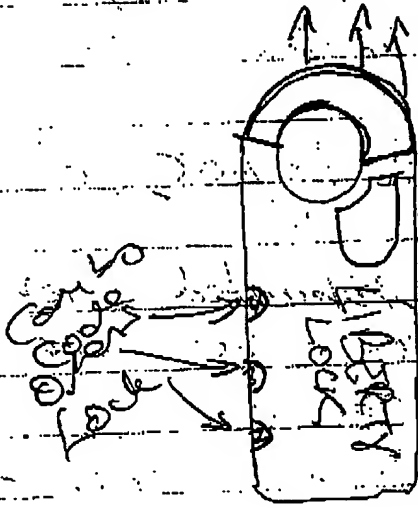
maybe electronic sensor

Universal/master key inserted here to open (Multi-access) (bottom of lock)



Master key

will open lock in addition to combination code



Push down to open lock

Can't open lock